

## Congress hits back to BJP Govt.; says ready for open debate in public domain if Govt. spokesperson is ready

**IT News  
Imphal, April 27,**

Congress MLA Khumukcham Joykishan today challenge the BJP led government saying that all charges regarding the withdrawal of fund for renovation of MPSC office by a contractor S.N Panmei when the work is carried out by another firm is true. "Clarification by the government spokespersons Th. Bishwajit over the charges on withdrawal of money is nothing but an open secret to cover up the irregularities of the government", Joykishan said in a press conference held today morning at Congress Bhavan.

Joykishan further clarified that Harehwar Goshwami is a spokesperson of the MPCC and what he told the media regarding the irregularities over the withdrawal of fund by one S.N. Panmei for renovation of the MPSC when the actual works was awarded and implemented by an agency called IFD Designing Construction and Manufacture is the statement of the MPCC and not individual.

"I, as spokesperson of the Congress party is ready for debate in public domain with the Government Spokesperson if he is ready", Joykishan said.

Govt. Spokesperson's clarification which he said that

he had no knowledge on the renovation of works of MPSC being taken up by the MDS is total lei and is 100% wrong. "How could the Government spokesperson who is also the works Minister of the present government said that he had no knowledge of the work being implemented by the MDS when there is clear official communication between the Commissioner of the works department and the MDS regarding the work?", Joykishan asked showing a document of communication between the Commissioner works and the MDS Project director dated August 28, 2017.

Joykishan also showed all documents relating to the

award of the renovation works to an agency called IFD Designing Construction and Manufacture

On May 17, 2016, the then Secretary of the MPSC Shyam Lal Poonia communicated the Project Director of the MDS for renovation of infrastructure of the MPSC building. On September 6, 2017, MDS Project Director S. Rupkumar Singh intimated the MPSC Under Secretary to deposit amount of Rs. 3,60,11,595/- for the renovation works which had been awarded to IFD Designing Construction and Manufacture firm.

"The amount was withdrawn by one S. N. Panmei in fraudulence manner", the

Congress spokesperson added.

Regarding the fake CDA cheque, Jokishan hits the Govt. spokesperson saying that over Rs. 30 crore has been withdrawn and making a sub-contractor scapegoat is unfortunate as clearance of the CDA could not be done at his level as the process of clearance is long which involved the highest authority and which have to pass on many tables.

"Why is the government not instituting an independent enquiry committee which includes a member from the opposition party and also a neutral person from among the journalist fraternity?" Joykishan said.

## Patients at RIMS sent to private clinic for CAPD

**IT News  
Imphal, April 27,**

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led government sincere effort to help the poor people in getting medical care at government hospital at the most minimum affordable rate turn out as another joke to the people as patients undergoing treatment at RIMS are denied Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) despite having facility in the hospital. Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) is one among the most reputed hospital in the North East India which produced many excellent doctors amidst several reports of corruptions and malpractice. The hospital is on the process of upgrading to the status of AIMS and following that on January 26, this year for departments - GI Surgery department, Nephrology Department, Neurology Department and Cardiology department have been upgraded as autonomous department. A patient with Kidney problem undergoing treatment or being treated at Nephrology department need CAPD which has to be done

by surgery doctors. Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) is a process where a catheter is surgically inserted with one end in the abdomen and the other protruding from the skin. The catheter is then connected to a tubing set and drained out the peritoneal cavity into a pre connected bag. This process is compulsory as follow up for Kidney treatment which is done at Nephrology department.

However, as the doctors at the Surgery section refused to undergo the CAPD, the patients are advice to do the same at private clinic which cost from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000. Patients from poor family have to undergo it as it is essential procedure by spending the huge amount. CMHT a pioneer scheme of the Chief Minister have no meaning if the patients are tortured by the doctors of institution like RIMS. Mention may be made that one Post graduate student of RIMS had written a letter to the prime Minister of India stating the hospital as the worst hospital where doctors prefer to stay at private clinic more than serving in the hospital.

### Gold rises by Rs 60 to Rs 32,450/10g

**Agency  
New Delhi, April 27,**

Gold rose 60 rupees, to 32,450 rupees per ten grams at Delhi's bullion market, today, on scattered buying by jewelers. Silver advanced 200 rupees, to 41,500 rupees per kilo on increased off-take by industrial units and coin makers. Silver coins remained unchanged at 76,000 rupees for buying 100 pieces.

### Petrol price touches Rs 74.40

**Agency  
New Delhi, April 27,**

Petrol price has hit 74 rupees 40 paise a litre, while diesel rates touched a record high of 65 rupees 65 paise.

## In Kathua rape-murder, Supreme Court stays trial till May 7

**Agency  
New Delhi, April 27,**

The Supreme Court today stayed till May 7 the trial in the Kathua gangrape and murder case, after several petitions sought shifting of the trial to Chandigarh and handing over the investigation to the CBI. A bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices D Y Chandrachud and Indu Malhotra said it will deal with the prayer of the victim's father for shifting of trial to Chandigarh and plea of the accused seeking handing over the probe to CBI.

The bench posted the matter for further hearing on May 7. The child from a minority nomadic community had

disappeared from near her home in a village near Kathua in Jammu region on January 10. Her body was found in the same area a week later.

The top court had yesterday, in a stern warning, said it would transfer the Kathua gangrape and murder case from the local court in Jammu and Kashmir in the "slightest possibility" of lack of fair trial, saying the "real concern" was to hold proper prosecution.

The eight-year-old's father had moved the top court earlier, apprehending threat to the family, a friend and their lawyer Ms Rajawat.

A separate plea was also filed by two accused seeking that the trial in the case be held in Jammu and the probe handed over to the CBI.

The state police's Crime Branch, which probed the case, filed the main chargesheet against seven persons and a separate charge sheet against a juvenile in a court in Kathua district last week. The chargesheet revealed chilling details about how the girl was allegedly kidnapped, drugged and raped inside a place of worship before being killed.

## Students stage protest to save lives of thousands living on Thoubal River



**IT News  
Thoubal, April 27:**

Large number of students from various schools in Thoubal district today form human chain on the side of National Highway 2 demanding preservation and protection of Thoubal River. Thousands of People living on the river or living on the side of the Thoubal River are in danger as the level of pollution in the River is high. Thousands of people residing on the bank of the river now fear spread of epidemic from the river. The protest was staged

under the aegis of the Committee on Conservation of Thoubal River. Students' group AMSU, DESAM and MSF also supported the protest. Slogans like - "No Water No Life", "Dirty Water Leads to Many Diseases", "Our River Our Life", "Our Thoubal River is Dying Let's Revive Our Thoubal River" amassing "Save Thoubal River" were displayed during the protest. The students' bodies had urged the government to take up measures of cleaning the Thoubal river by April 26 and warned them of mass agitation if failed to do so.

## Mohammed Shami, family planned my rape, killing; case similar to Kathua

**Agency  
Kolkata, April 27,**

Hasin Jahan, estranged wife of Indian cricketer team pacer Mohammed Shami, has made yet another allegation against the cricketer and his family, saying that her case is similar to that of Kathua rape case, which rocked India. Jahan was participating in a protest march to condemn the horrific Kathua rape case, where an eight-year-old girl was raped and killed in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. "Those who are guilty of the crime should be punished. Even my case is similar to this. But I am alive. Even I have been subjected to what happened in that case," said Jahan earlier this week during the protest.

"They had planned to rape me, kill me and then dump my body in a forest. It's been almost two months that I am fighting against all this," she added. Shami had taken the cricketing world by storm in last month as she accused Shami of having extra-marital affairs. She took to her Facebook to

share the photos of cricketer's alleged WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger chats with several women. Jahan later claimed that Shami's mother and brother tortured her and tried to kill her and Shami, on his return from India's tour to South Africa, beat her. She went on to claim that Shami wanted her to have physical relations with his brother.

While Shami had denied all the allegations, he was interrogated by Kolkata police earlier this month after Jahan filed a written complaint against the cricketer. An FIR was lodged against Shami and his four family members in Kolkata's Jadavpur police station under several Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections, including section 498A, which amounts to cruelty to a woman by her husband or his relatives.

Jahan filed a case at the Alipore court against the Team India pacer, demanding Rs 15 lakh as maintenance charges for her and her daughter Aairah.

## HC rejects Rajiv case convict's plea for release

**Agency  
Chennai, April 27**

The Madras High Court today rejected Rajiv Gandhi assassination case convict Nalini's plea for premature release.

The court had earlier this week said it will pronounce the judgement today on an appeal filed by Nalini, a life convict in former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi assassination case. A division bench, comprising Justices K K Sasidharan and R Subramanian, had reserved the order on April 24 on the plea by Nalini, challenging the order of a single judge rejecting her prayer for premature release under a 1994 state government scheme

under Article 161 (powers of Governor to grant pardon).

In a February 22, 2014 representation to the state government, Nalini had sought premature release under the 1994 scheme and had later moved the court.

The state government had opposed the plea citing pendency of a similar matter in the Supreme Court then. Following this, the single judge had asked it to consider the representation subject to the outcome of the apex court proceedings.

The Supreme Court had in its March 2016 order made it clear that for premature release pleas

## New play ground likely at Moreh; YAS inspects site

**IT News  
Moreh, April 27,**

A team of Youth Affairs and Sports (YAS) Department led by Longjam Jayentakumar (Deputy Director YAS) today inspected Eastern Shine School Public Ground for construction of an international level playground, under the directives of the YAS Minister Letpao Haokip today.

Eastern Shine School Public

Ground is the only playground at which national and international players including from Myanmar had played match.

Chairman of the Eastern Shine School, Thangjam had stated to the inspection team that the school have no objection if the government desires for development of the ground. He urged the department authority to make sure that Moreh town have an international level playground.

## SC to hear review pleas on SC/ST verdict on May 3

**Agency  
New Delhi, April 27**

The Supreme Court will hear the Centre's plea seeking review of its judgment on the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act (SC/ST Act) on May 3.

Attorney General K K Venugopal mentioned the matter for early hearing before a bench comprising Justices A K Goel and Deepak Gupta and said he had already filed his written submission in the matter.

"The last line of your last order says that list the matter after written submission is filed. I have filed my written submission. Four states have also filed review petitions. Please give us a date," Venugopal told the bench. Justice Goel said the matter

would be listed for hearing in the next week and posted it for arguments on May 3.

The Centre had moved the apex court on April 2 seeking review of its judgement by which safeguards were put on the provisions for immediate arrest under the SC/ST Act.

The government, in its review petition, told the Supreme Court that its March 20 verdict will violate Article 21 of the Constitution for the SC/ST communities and sought restoration of the provisions of the Act.

The apex court had on March 20 said that on "several occasions", innocent citizens were being termed as accused and public servants deterred from performing their duties, which was never the intention of the legislature while enacting the SC/ST Act.